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I am writing to you about the study I am in hope that you are conducting about hydraulic fracturing for natural gas, in marcellus shale along the delaware river basin.

Since this process called 'fracking', has already shown to have very serious effects on water wells;(I refer to the area where drilling is already in progress in Dimock Township in Susquehanna County, P.A.)because of the toxicity and quantity of chemicals used, I want toknow what the E.P.A. is doing to assure the water here in Wayne and Pike Counties are protected properly.

All streams that feed into the delaware river are at the same risk of polluting the drinking water for people in Philadelphia and New York City, as well as Wayne County, P.A.

If contaminated, the streams flow into the delaware river bringing toxic chemicals, not to mention gas leaks,(and yes, everything leaks), with it. The public health not only of the people right here in the delaware river basin area, but also in Philadelphia and New York City,(we are talking about a water source for millions of people now), will be effected.

Let us consider for example that this area alone that I live in, regularly has weather patterns involving severe rain storms, bringing with it flooding. When this happens, the waste water pits from drill sights, could overflow, contaminating water and land drastically.

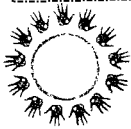
This is not an unlikely scenario.

Nor is the possibility of a truck transporting the chemicals used in the 'fracking' process, overturning, and spilling out toxic chemicals causing the same damage as an overflowed waste pit.

Although Newfield Gas Co. claims to reuse all the waste matter from hydraulic gas drilling, only 20% of this waste matter will actually be recycled. If the other 80% of the waste is to be contained, are these containers guarenteed not to erode and leake back into the soil? I feel the E.P.A. should pressure the Army Corps of Engineers to follow the official request by The National Park Service, and, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to meet the responsibilities in case of such disasters as mentioned in this letter.

I ask you to place a Moratorium on hydraulic gas drilling until the Delaware River Basin Enviornmental Studies have in place, stricter regulations of this process.

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